



Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports
45 Calvert Street, Room 336, Annapolis, MD 21401

Wes Moore, Governor; Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor
David D. Rudolph, Chair; Mark Luckner, Executive Director, CHRC

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Dr. Sean Bulson
Superintendent
Harford County Public Schools

Dear Dr. Bulson,

As you are aware, through the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, the Maryland General Assembly made available significant resources to support students in our state. Among the Blueprint's provisions was the creation of the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports, a new body formed to confront the mental health and substance use issues facing our students.

The Consortium has worked since its inception to develop a model to help meet the needs of students in each school district. As part of this program, the Consortium worked with the Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) to issue its first Call for Proposals for service providers. We received 258 eligible proposals, requesting more than \$380 million. Thank you for issuing letters of support to service providers from your district that applied for this funding.

I am pleased to report that the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission unanimously approved the recommendations of the Consortium to award grants under this first Call for Proposals. These grant awards, which total over \$110 million, will be distributed to more than 100 applicants from throughout our state. Please find attached a list of grantees awarded in your school district. Grantees will be required to comply with the school district's standard procedures for working with children.

In addition, the Consortium is working with the National Center for School Mental Health to make training in key evidence-based programs available to school-employed staff. We will be in touch with each LEA soon to provide more information about the opportunity. If you have questions, please contact Lorianne Moss at lorianne.moss@maryland.gov.

It is our belief that Maryland students will greatly benefit by receiving the behavioral health care they so deeply deserve. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Luckner, CHRC Executive Director, at mark.luckner@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David D. Rudolph". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David D Rudolph
Chair, Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports

cc: Ed Kasemeyer, CHRC Chair
Bernard Hennigan, Director of Student Services, Harford County Public Schools

**Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports
Harford County Grantees, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years**

FreshStart Therapeutic Services, \$300,000

This program will provide therapeutic mentoring and peer and family/community group support on topics such as depression, anxiety, coping skills, social skills, independent living skills, suicide and substance use prevention. Programming will include: Unified Protocols for Transdiagnostic Treatment of Emotional Disorders in Children and Adolescents (UP-C/UP-A), Botvin Life Skills, Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM). The grantee proposes to serve a total of 105 students/families from eight elementary, middle, and high schools.

Thrive Behavioral Health, \$380,000

This program will provide substance abuse prevention and early childhood intervention services; parent support groups; school professional development; translation services; and wraparound services. Programming will include Unified Protocols for Transdiagnostic Treatment of Emotional Disorders in Children and Adolescents (UP-C/UP-A). The grantee proposes to serve a total of 2,480 students/families from 10 elementary, middle, and high schools.

Achieving True Self, \$1,485,000

This program will provide social-emotional learning through social skills groups, parent training, behavior consultation and support. Programming will include The Chicago Parenting Program. The grantee proposes to serve a total of 223 students/families from 54 pre-k, elementary, middle, and high schools.

Nature Worx, Inc., \$100,000

This program will provide mindfulness-based nature immersion sessions for students and their families to help participants learn skills to support their mental/emotional health and increase their resiliency/coping abilities. Programming will include mental health first aid and nature therapy. The grantee proposes to serve a total of 550 students/families from one middle and one high school.

Harford County Boys & Girls Club, \$800,000

This program will focus on providing social-emotional skill building and character development through after-school activities. It will also work to address social determinants of health (SDOH). Programming will include Positive Action. The grantee proposes to serve a total of 1,500 students/families from 23 schools, including elementary, middle and high schools.

Cook Center for Human Connection, \$950,000

This program will provide parent coaching, school staff training, and promote positive classroom environments. Programming will include Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS). The grantee proposes to serve a total of 42,655 students/families from 55 schools, including pre-k, elementary, middle, and high schools.

Pivot Point Counseling, LLC, \$520,000

This program will provide outpatient psychiatric services, care coordination, case management, family support groups, collaboration with other providers, and wraparound services. Programming will include Safety Planning Intervention and Motivational Interviewing. The grantee proposes to serve a total of 60 students/families from 10 high schools.